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SUBJECT: POST CONTACTS FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOR  
SRI LANKA AND THE MALDIVES

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1. (U) Embassy Colombo covers both Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The primary contact at Post to obtain host government authorization of marine research vessels is ESTH officer Ken Kero-Mentz (keroka@state.gov), with Econ Chief Ed Heartney providing back-up assistance (heartneyep@state.gov), both of whom expect to be in Colombo until summer 2012. PD Chief Jeff Anderson (andersonjj2@state.gov) would manage the PD angle of such visits. Local employee Adrian Mendis (mendisa@state.gov) should also be included. Responses from the host governments can be slow in coming. Post looks forward to working with the Office of Oceans and Polar Affairs to facilitate authorization as quickly as possible.  
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